

ascertained, the constable shall post a notice, substantially as above described, at five public places in said town, at least thirty days before the sale of the land, and this last mentioned notice shall be posted as in all cases of sales of land for taxes in said town: fourth, the sale shall be made on the public square in said town, and shall be on one of the days prescribed for sale of real estate under execution, and shall be conducted in all respects as are sales under execution. If the delinquent resides out of said town, and his address be known to the constable, the constable shall, within one month after the sale, mail to him notice of the sale and date thereof, of the name and address of the purchaser, of the sum bid, and of the amount of the taxes and costs to be paid by such delinquent as a condition of its redemption.

Whole tract of
land to be sold,
&c.

Purchase by
town.

Redemption of
land sold for
taxes.

SEC. 39. The whole tract or lot of land belonging to a delinquent person or company shall be set up for sale at the same time, and shall be struck off to him who will pay the amount of the taxes, with all the expenses, for the smallest part of the land. At all such sales the mayor may become a bidder, and purchase the whole lot or tract of land, for the taxes due and expenses, for the use of the town, in case no one will offer to pay the taxes and costs for a less quantity.

SEC. 40. The delinquent may retain possession of the property for twelve months after sale, and within that time redeem it by paying the purchaser the amount paid by him, and twenty-five per centum in addition thereto. At the time of said payment to the purchaser, he shall give to the delinquent a receipt therefor. If he shall refuse, or cannot be found in said town, the delinquent may pay the same to the town clerk and treasurer, and he shall give him a receipt therefor, and such payment shall be equivalent to payment to the purchaser. After such payment to the purchaser or town clerk, all rights under the purchase shall cease.

Constable to give
receipt for
amount bid,
when land sold
for taxes.

SEC. 41. At the time of such purchase of real estate for taxes, the town constable, on the receipt of the amount bid for such real estate, shall give the purchaser a receipt, stating the amount bid, by whom, and for what purpose, and describing the land sold, stating further, the owner of said land, and the amount of taxes due.

Deed of pur-
chaser, when and
how made.

SEC. 42. If the delinquent, his agent or attorney, shall fail to redeem, as heretofore provided for, for twelve months, at the expiration of that time the purchaser may present his receipt, referred to in section forty hereof, and the town constable of said town shall execute a deed in fee to the purchaser, and if the purchaser is dead, to his heirs at law or assigns, for the land for which said purchaser agreed to pay the amount called for in the receipt, and for said service the constable shall be allowed one dollar, to be paid by the purchaser. The deed from the constable to the purchaser shall be registered in the register's office of Robeson county, within six months from the time of the execution and delivery thereof, and when so

Registration, &c.